



KHPA Provider Advisory Council Meeting
February 12, 2009, Landon State Office Building, Topeka, KS
Minutes

KHPA Purchaser Advisory Council Members Present:

Susan Bumsted
Amy Hoch-Altwegg
Dr. Mike Malone
Jane O'Bryan
Randy Peterson
David Sanford
Mike Schrader
Elaine Schwartz
Janet Williams (Chair)
Peter Stern
Via telephone:
Dr. Christopher Majors

KHPA Staff Participants:

Dr. Marci Nielsen, KHPA Executive Director
Dr. Barbara Langner, KHPA Policy Director
Frances Breyne, Communications Director

Welcome:

KHPA Executive Director Dr. Marcia Nielsen and Provider Advisory Council Chair Janet Williams welcomed the group to the meeting. Dr. Nielsen reviewed the agenda and handouts, including the list of new members for each of the 4 advisory councils. Members of the council who were present in person and via conference call introduced themselves.

Topics of Discussion:

Dr. Nielsen shared information about the KHPA Board's January meeting. She offered an overview of the Federal Stimulus package, including Medicaid FMAP as well as proposed funding for Health Information Technology. Referring to the one-page description of the Medicaid Transformation project provided to council members, Dr. Nielsen offered an overview of Medicaid Transformation, and discussed a portion of its contents, noting that the document could be viewed in its entirety on the KHPA website. Dr. Nielsen also discussed the Medical Home model, referring to its origins in the Kansas legislature and the KHPA's continuing efforts to

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work with Medical Home stakeholders to develop guidelines for its implementation.

KHPA Policy Director Dr. Barbara Langner discussed the status of the Clean Indoor Air act in the legislature, referring to a one-page overview of the issue given to council members. She also discussed the background and scope of the 20 Legislative Coordinating Council studies, the table of contents of which was given to council members.

The council also discussed the pending compromise agreement with mental health providers and advocates regarding a prior authorization system for mental health medications. It was understood by the group that there is a commitment not to move medications into a prior authorization system until an automated system is in place to move payments along.

Dr. Nielsen provided the group with the matrix for the Legislative Post Audit budget exercise and emphasized to the group that the agency was not willing to put programs in for elimination and that the only remaining choice, for the purpose of the exercise, was to cut provider reimbursement rates. It was noted that if the state ever diminished provider reimbursement, the provider tax would sunset.

Dr. Nielsen advised the council of the measures KHPA had already taken to reduce its budget, including \$1.5 million in contracts, a hiring freeze and a moratorium on out-of-state travel unless it is paid for by another entity.

The group further touched on the federal stimulus package and by what percentage federal matching funds were expected to increase, as well as the increased match for Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funds. There was a discussion about HIT/HIE interoperability standards and federal stimulus incentives for state progress in the area of HIT/HIE. The importance of HIT/HIE as it relates to the development of the medical home model was also emphasized. The group offered its continued support for the medical home model.

Adjournment:

Dr. Nielsen and Janet Williams thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned.